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Metro Area Job Data Mixed

Unemployment Rates Increase in All Metro Areas

Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates

Metropolitan Area	March 2016	March 2015	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington	6.0%	4.6%	1.4
Carbondale-Marion	7.0%	5.8%	1.2
Champaign-Urbana	5.8%	4.8%	1.0
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights	6.6%	6.0%	0.6
Danville	8.4%	6.8%	1.6
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island, IA-IL	6.5%	5.7%	0.8
Decatur	7.9%	6.9%	1.0
Elgin	6.8%	6.0%	0.8
Kankakee	7.7%	6.9%	0.8
Lake-Kenosha, IL-WI	6.5%	5.8%	0.7
Peoria	7.7%	6.2%	1.5
Rockford	7.7%	6.8%	0.9
Springfield	6.0%	5.2%	0.8
St. Louis (IL-Section)	6.8%	5.9%	0.9
Illinois Statewide	6.8%	6.0%	0.8

* Data subject to revision.

CHICAGO—All metropolitan areas in Illinois experienced over the year unemployment rate increases for the second consecutive month, according to preliminary data released today by the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS) and the Illinois Department of Employment Security (IDES).

“Unemployment rates increased in more than half of the metro areas even though they experienced job growth,” said IDES Director Jeff Mays. “The increase in the unemployment rate was largely due to more people entering the labor force”

Illinois businesses added jobs in just eight metros, in which the largest increases were seen in: Lake-Kenosha (+2.5 percent, +9,900), Rockford (+2.4 percent, +3,600), and Elgin (+2.3, +5,600). Total nonfarm jobs in the Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division increased (+1.8 percent or +65,500). Illinois businesses lost jobs in six metro areas including Bloomington (-2.3 percent, -2,200), Danville (-0.7 percent, -200), and the Quad Cities (-0.7 percent, -1,200). The industry sectors recording job growth in the majority of metros were: Education and Health Services (13 of 14), Leisure and Hospitality (11 of 14), Retail (10 of 14), Government (10 of 14), Mining and Construction (nine of 14),

Transportation, Warehousing, and Utilities (nine of 14), Professional and Business Services (nine of 14), and Other Services (eight of 14).

Not seasonally adjusted data compares March 2016 with March 2015. The not seasonally adjusted Illinois rate was 6.8 percent in March 2016 and stood at 12.2 percent at its peak in this economic cycle in January 2010. Nationally, the not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate was 5.1 percent in March 2016 and 10.6 percent in January 2010 at its peak. The unemployment rate identifies those who are out of work and looking for work, and is not tied to collecting unemployment insurance benefits.

Total Nonfarm Jobs (Not Seasonally Adjusted) – March 2016

Metropolitan Area	March 2016*	March 2015**	Over-the-Year Change
Bloomington MSA	93,200	95,400	-2,200
Carbondale-Marion MSA	56,900	57,000	-100
Champaign-Urbana MSA	111,100	108,900	2,200
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights Metro Division	3,647,800	3,582,300	65,500
Danville MSA	29,300	29,500	-200
Davenport-Moline-Rock Island MSA	179,600	180,800	-1,200
Decatur MSA	50,500	50,600	-100
Elgin Metro Division	253,600	248,000	5,600
Kankakee MSA	44,900	44,200	700
Lake-County-Kenosha County Metro Division	401,400	391,500	9,900
Peoria MSA	176,000	176,200	-200
Rockford MSA	151,800	148,200	3,600
Springfield MSA	112,500	110,600	1,900
Illinois Section of St. Louis MSA	235,000	231,900	3,100
Illinois Statewide	5,932,300	5,853,200	79,100

*Preliminary **Revised

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**Not Seasonally Adjusted Unemployment Rates
(percent) for Local Counties and Areas**

Labor Market Area	Mar-16	Mar-15	Over-the-Year Change
Chicago-Naperville-Elgin IL-IN-WI MSA	6.6%	6.0%	0.6
Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metro Division			
Cook County	6.8%	6.2%	0.6
DuPage County	5.3%	4.8%	0.5
Grundy County	8.3%	7.6%	0.7
Kendall County	6.0%	5.4%	0.6
McHenry County	6.3%	5.7%	0.6
Will County	7.0%	6.4%	0.6
Elgin, IL Metro Division			
DeKalb County	6.4%	5.5%	0.9
Kane County	6.9%	6.1%	0.8
Lake & Kenosha Counties, IL-WI Metro Division			
Lake County	6.7%	5.8%	0.9
Cities (with total population of at least 100,000) *			
Aurora City	6.6%	5.8%	0.8
Chicago City	7.0%	6.4%	0.6
Elgin City	5.2%	4.0%	1.2
Joliet City	6.1%	5.1%	1.0
Naperville City	4.9%	4.4%	0.5

* Unemployment rates for cities with total population of 25,000 or more can be found at www.ides.illinois.gov/LMI/Pages/Current_Monthly_Unemployment_Rates.aspx

Chicago-Naperville-Arlington Heights, IL Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 6.6 percent in March 2016 from 6.0 percent in March 2015. For the month of March 2016, the estimated number of unemployed people in the labor force was 253,700.

Total nonfarm employment increased +65,500 compared to March 2015. Leisure-Hospitality (+19,800), Educational-Health Services (+13,100), Government (+9,900), Retail Trade (6,300), and Professional-Business Services (+6,200) reported the largest payroll gains. The Manufacturing (-2,600) sector recorded employment declines compared to one year ago.

Elgin, IL Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 6.8 percent in March 2016 from 6.0 percent in March 2015. For the month of March 2016, the estimated number of unemployed people in the labor force was 22,200.

Total nonfarm employment increased +5,600 compared to March 2015. Leisure-Hospitality (+2,100), Construction (+1,700), Retail Trade (+1,600), Government (+900), and Educational-Health Services (+500) reported the largest payroll gains. The Professional-Business Services (-1,700), Wholesale Trade (-100), and Information (-100) sectors declined compared to one year ago.

Lake & Kenosha Counties, IL-WI Metro Division

The not seasonally adjusted unemployment rate increased to 6.5 percent in March 2016 from 5.8 percent in March 2015. For the month of March 2016, the estimated number of unemployed people in the labor force was 29,700.

Total nonfarm employment increased +9,900 compared to March 2015. Transportation-Warehousing-Utilities (+3,300) Wholesale Trade (+1,700), Leisure-Hospitality (+1,500), and Manufacturing (+1,000) reported the largest payroll gains. The Professional-Business Services (-400) sector recorded an employment decline compared to one year ago.

Note:

- Monthly 2015 unemployment rates and total non-farm jobs for Illinois metro areas were revised in February and March 2016, as required by the U.S. Dept. of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Comments and tables distributed for prior metro area news releases should be discarded as any records or historical analysis previously cited may no longer be valid.

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